

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING JOE SHOVELS

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Joseph Shovels as he retires from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Flint. Joe has worked for the organization for 39 years. A party in his honor will be held on April 30th in my hometown of Flint, Michigan.

Joe began his career working for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Flint after graduating from Michigan State University. A lifelong caseworker with the organization, Joe stayed dedicated to this vital job ever since his graduation. His dedication to ensuring that the children are provided for is legendary. Going above and beyond has been a hallmark of his career. The longest serving employee with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Flint, Joe has characterized his work as a ministry instead of a job.

His attitude toward children has garnered recognition from his peers and from the community. Big Brothers Big Sisters has named him Caseworker of the Year. In February, Priority Children gave him the Roy E. Peterson Caring Adult Award for his steadfastness to bettering the lives of the children in the Flint community.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Flint will inaugurate an award to be given to their employees and volunteers called the "Good Joe Award" in his honor. The kickoff for this award will take place at a dinner to be held later this month.

I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Joe Shovels on an exceptional career and a job well done. The children of Genesee County have benefited from his conscientiousness, his compassion, and his commitment to improving their lives.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING ELIZABETH GREAVES

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Elizabeth Greaves has devoted herself to serving others through her membership in the Girl Scouts; and

Whereas, Elizabeth Greaves has shared her time and talent with the community in which she resides; and

Whereas, Elizabeth Greaves has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Elizabeth Greaves must be commended for the hard work and dedication she put forth in earning the Girl Scout Gold Award;

Therefore, I join with the Girl Scouts, the residents of Granville and the entire 18th Con-

gressional District in congratulating Elizabeth Greaves as she receives the Girl Scout Gold Award.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS' 11TH ANNUAL NATIONAL FOOD DRIVE

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to encourage my constituents and everyone across America to participate in the National Association of Letter Carriers' 11th Annual National Food Drive, which will take place on May 10th of this year. Every year, on the second Saturday of May, the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) collects non-perishable goods that generous people have donated to those in need.

Those interested in donating should place a non-perishable food item near their mailboxes or bring it to their local post office. All of the donations will be distributed to local food banks, shelters, and pantries to help people in need in the local community. This is a great opportunity to share with people right in our local communities.

Over the past ten years, the NALC has collected over half of a billion pounds of food for those less fortunate. In 2002 alone, over 60 million pounds of food was collected. Nearly 1,500 offices of the NALC—in every state in the nation—will be involved in the drive. In fact, it is part of the largest one day food drive in the nation. This is an impressive record. I hope that everyone who is able to participate will contribute what they can, and that this year's food drive will be the most successful ever.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 22ND ANNUAL CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION WINNER, MS. ELISE BAKER

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Miss Elise Baker, first-place winner of the 2003 Congressional Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery". This unique competition provides Members with the opportunity to showcase the artistic achievements of high school students within their districts, thereby acknowledging our Nation's gifted young artists. Since the first competition in 1982, nearly 5,000 local contests have been conducted, involving more than 650,000 high school students. In its 22nd year, the competition has recognized Ms. Elise Baker for her outstanding artistic talent.

Elise was born at Holy Cross Hospital in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on March 31, 1986. The daughter of Don and Susan Baker, Elise also has a 12-year-old brother, Robby. For her elementary education, she attended St. Paul Lutheran School, where she developed a serious interest in art. Since enrolling at A.D. Henderson University School of Florida Atlantic University for middle school, she has taken a number of honors art classes and has been awarded as an outstanding art student on several occasions. Elise is currently a Junior at Grandview Preparatory School in Boca Raton, Florida.

Elise's interests are not limited to the realm of art, and she has energetically pursued numerous extra-curricular activities. Fostering a lifelong love of dance, Elise began her formal dance education at the Dance Academy of Boca Raton during pre-school. She has studied ballet, jazz, tap, and modern dance and has performed in many student talent competitions over the years. She has furthermore been a member of the South Florida Youth Ballet, a repertory company which put on many performances in Palm Beach County, and has danced with the Miami City Ballet in "The Nutcracker" at the Kravis Center in West Palm Beach. Her colorful dancing background undoubtedly contributed to her leadership as captain of the Grandview Cheerleading Team during the past two years of high school. She has attended several Universal Cheerleading Association (UCA) instructional camps, from which she has been honored with various awards, including the opportunity to perform a cheerleading routine during the New Year's Day Parade in London, England in 2003. Last summer, Elise completed Culver Military Academy's six-week program in Culver, Indiana and earned her Tuxis Medal.

Today, Elise enjoys babysitting and performing volunteer work in her spare time. She is a member of the First United Methodist Church of Boca Raton and actively participates in their Youth Group, as well as other youth-oriented activities in the area.

Elise's natural gift for art runs in her family, as she is the great grand-niece of Edward Buyck, a famous artist from Albany, New York, who is renowned for his pre-inaugural portrait of Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1933 and for his countless works presently on display at the Governor's office in Albany and in the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington, D.C.

As Elise's art teacher at Grandview, Mr. Robert Williams, said, "'A' talent and hard work pay off." We would like to recognize both Elise's talent and hard work and congratulate her on winning this year's competition. We also wish her the best of luck in her pursuit of artistic studies in college, which she plans on continuing, particularly in the fields of decorating and fashion design.

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QUOTA CLUBS INTERNATIONAL IN
TEMPLE CITY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Temple City chapter of the Quota Clubs International and the men and women who have shaped the club into the influential force that it is today in the San Gabriel Valley. For over 50 years, the Quotarians of Temple City have provided immeasurable support to the city, fully living up to their stated purpose: "To serve country and community."

Among the many events in which the Quota Club has participated is the City's annual Camellia festival and youth parade, an event that celebrates Temple City's rich history and culture. Other events demonstrate the Quotarians' commitment to excellence in our youth: they have sponsored student trips to Washington, D.C., supported teacher exchanges, and have helped in the purchase of band uniforms.

The main focus of the Quota Club has been its service in education, testing, and aid to the hearing impaired. Over the years, they have provided no less than five help dogs to the deaf and have immeasurably improved the lives of those they have assisted.

These incredible achievements have been made possible by the upstanding members of the Quota Club, who exemplify the best in our communities. The club boasts among its members five former Temple City Chamber of Commerce presidents, including Penny Graham, the first woman to hold that office, Mary Lou Swain, another member, was the first woman to be elected to the City Council of Temple City.

Through the efforts of such organizations as the Quota Club and the individuals that comprise them, we can make real the ideals set forth in the Quota Club's charter: righteousness, justice, international understanding, and good will. It is for their tremendous efforts toward realizing these ideals that I ask all Members of Congress to stand with me today and salute the men and women of the Quota Club of Temple City.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
KELLY HELLER

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Kelly Heller has devoted herself to serving others through her membership in the Girl Scouts; and

Whereas, Kelly Heller has shared her time and talent with the community in which she resides; and

Whereas, Kelly Heller has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Kelly Heller must be commended for the hard work and dedication she put forth in earning the Girl Scout Gold Award;

Therefore, I join with the Girl Scouts, the residents of Coshocton and the entire 18th

Congressional District in congratulating Kelly Heller as she receives the Girl Scout Gold Award.

RUMOR MILL BAKERY

HON. C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. OTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and praise the singular vision of a family business in my district whose proprietors understand the value of service. John and Tona Henderson own The Rumor Mill Bakery at 4th and Washington Streets in Emmett, Idaho. Tona does all the baking for the shop, which has become known for its patriotic spirit as well as its pastries.

One day in July 2002, six gentlemen from the community met for their usual coffee and conversation when the idea came up of putting photographs on the walls of local veterans and active duty military personnel. Tona approved, and made theirs the first photographs to go up. More than 100 photos have since been added to the walls of The Rumor Mill Bakery, and Tona has a story to go with each and every one. The tears in her eyes reveal the heartfelt patriotism and pride she feels in sharing each tale. Tona hopes someday to completely cover the walls of her business with the images of American heroes, past and present. Her expression of support for community and country is an inspiration to everyone who stops by The Rumor Mill Bakery. I'm proud to represent the Hendersons, as well as the men and women of our Armed Forces who are honored on their walls.

TRIBUTE TO OATS VOLUNTEERS

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this means to pay tribute to OATS, Inc., an organization that provides transportation to Missouri's rural areas through the use of volunteer service. Founded in 1971, OATS has continued to rely heavily on volunteers for fund raising, scheduling, and publicity.

The nation will commemorate the 30th annual National Volunteer Week, April 27–May 3, 2003, in recognition and celebration of volunteers at the state, local, and national level. The Week's theme, "Celebrate Volunteers—The Spirit of America!" reflects Americans' resolve to maintain the tradition of neighbor helping neighbor. Sponsored by the Points of Light Foundation, this annual event is an opportunity for organizations to take a moment to thank the many millions of volunteers all over America who donate their time to worthy causes.

In each of the counties that OATS serves, there is a County Support Committee comprised of 8–20 people in the community who volunteer on behalf of OATS. These volunteers serve as contacts, taking phone calls in their home from people who wish to schedule a ride; raise much of the funding needed to replace vehicles; and serve as media contacts,

helping get the word out about OATS and getting the bus schedules printed in the local papers. Last January, 639 people reported over 4,200 hours to OATS, which would cost \$46,634.16 if dollar value was assessed for the hours they gave.

Mr. Speaker, the OATS organization provides a valuable service to the people of rural Missouri. I know the Members of the House will join me in recognizing OATS and their volunteers for their many hours of commendable service.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ANGIE
BRIGGS OF GIRL SCOUT TROOP
4017

HON. LANE EVANS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to salute an outstanding young woman who has been honored with the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award by Girl Scouts of the Mississippi Valley, Inc. in Rock Island, Illinois. She is Angie Briggs of Girl Scout Troop 4017.

She is being honored for earning the highest achievement award in Girl Scouting. The Girl Scout Gold Award symbolizes outstanding accomplishments in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development. The Girl Scout Gold Award can be earned by girls ages 14–17 or in grades 9–12.

Girl Scouts of the USA, an organization serving over 2.6 million girls, has awarded more than 20,000 Girl Scout Gold Awards to Senior Girl Scouts since the inception of the program in 1980. To receive the award, a Girl Scout must fulfill five requirements: earn four interest project patches, earn the Career Exploration Pin, earn the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, earn the Senior Girl Scout Challenge, and design and implement a Girl Scout Gold project. A plan for fulfilling the requirements of the award is created by the Senior Girl Scout and is carried out through close cooperation between the girl and an adult Girl Scout volunteer.

As a member of the Girl Scouts of the Mississippi Valley, Inc., Angie began working toward the Girl Scout Gold Award in August 2001. Angie created handmade books and toys for the children in a homeless shelter.

The earning of the Girl Scout Gold Award is a major accomplishment for Angie and I believe she should receive the public recognition due her for this significant service to her community and her country.

IN HONOR OF THE CITY OF AL-
HAMBRA'S CENTENNIAL CELE-
BRATION

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the people of the City of Alhambra, California, as the city celebrates its centennial anniversary. Located eight miles east of downtown Los Angeles, Alhambra is often referred

to as the "Gateway to the San Gabriel Valley." The site on which the city now rests was first included in a 1771 land grant that led to the establishment of the nearby San Gabriel Mission.

While Alhambra's history and origins retain a heavy Spanish influence, the City's current population of 85,804 consists of a wide range of ethnic groups and many businesses in and around Alhambra have ties to international commerce. The dramatic population growth in Alhambra over the past two decades has been largely attributable to well-educated and highly skilled immigrants, who have brought both material wealth and cultural resources to the City of Alhambra.

Alhambra is first and foremost a residential community, characterized by its charming, well-manicured residential neighborhoods. It lies within the "Sixty Mile Circle" that centers on Los Angeles, putting it at the heart of a dynamic concentration of population, employment, business, industry, and finance; two-thirds of the state's 100 largest corporations are headquartered within this circle. High quality educational, medical and transportation services abound and Alhambra has some of the region's strongest retail centers, drawing sales from auto dealerships and shopping districts. Numerous boutiques and restaurants line the downtown landscape, providing an attractive destination for persons to shop, dine and be entertained locally. Numerous recreational and sporting venues are also available.

In recent years, Alhambra has been an economic powerhouse as well, aggressively seeking to bring new business to the city, leading to more than 30 new businesses in the downtown area alone. The renaissance of Downtown Main Street has been a top priority. According to a national survey, Alhambra ranks first among 15 surrounding cities in terms of cost of doing business and level of development. Its largest venture, a \$30 million entertainment complex—the Alhambra Renaissance Cineplex opened in November 2002.

In the last century, the City of Alhambra has come to be one that exemplifies everything that we expect our communities to be. It is one that we can look to for an example for other communities to follow, and one that will continue to enrich the San Gabriel Valley's cultural diversity for years to come. I ask all Members of Congress to join me in recognizing the City of Alhambra on its centennial.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING ROXANA CAPPER

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker,

Whereas, Roxana Capper has devoted herself to serving others through her membership in the Girl Scouts; and

Whereas, Roxana has shared her time and talent with the community in which she resides; and

Whereas, Roxana Capper has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Roxana Capper must be commended for the hard work and dedication she put forth in earning the Girl Scout Gold Award;

Therefore, I join with the Girl Scouts, the residents of Granville and the entire 18th Congressional District in congratulating Roxana Capper as she receives the Girl Scout Gold Award.

IN HONOR OF ROBERT R.
SNASHALL

HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a good friend and an outstanding public servant.

There's no doubt that in my home state of New York, there remain to this day many unsung heroes who provided aid, comfort and support to the victims of September 11th's vicious and cowardly attacks on New York. Ordinary people rose to extraordinary challenges and through their service, helped both in the rescue and recovery of a great city.

One of those unsung heroes is the man I rise to honor today, Robert R. Snashall, Chairman of the state's Workers' Compensation Board. First appointed to that post by Governor George Pataki in 1995, Chairman Snashall will soon retire from that post.

And perhaps the defining moment of Mr. Snashall's tenure at the Workers' Compensation Board was in his handling of the crisis arising from the September 11th terror attacks in New York City.

The attacks on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 created unprecedented challenges for the Workers' Compensation Board. In a single day, New York suffered 5 years' worth of workers' compensation death claims. In fast response, Chairman Snashall and the Workers' Compensation Board established new regulations to accelerate the processing of claims and created a special World Trade Center adjudication team to process claims emanating from the terror attacks while enabling the Board to maintain a focus on other claims from across the state.

Chairman Snashall acted quickly to contact and in some cases visit various insurers, legislators, claimant organizations and employer associations to discuss the challenges facing the workers' compensation system as a result of the attacks. In doing so, he was successful in impressing upon the various parties of interest the urgency of providing assistance to the families in need. As a result the Board has, to date, fully resolved 92 percent of death claims, 80 percent of injury claims and has conducted more than 7,000 hearings to resolve WTC claims.

Since 1995, the Workers' Compensation Board has undergone the most sweeping reforms in the history of the Board including the landmark 1996 reforms, which have led to unprecedented reductions in workers' compensation costs. In addition, since 1996, under the leadership of Chairman Snashall, the Board has reformed its administrative processes and become more accessible to the people of New York State.

Through Bob Snashall's leadership, New York State's Workers' Compensation Board has become a nationwide model, and I ask that this Congress join me in saluting his commitment, leadership and hard work; and that

this Honorable Body further extend to him our thanks for a job well done.

IN HONOR OF MARINE CPL.
KEMAPHOOM A. CHANAWONGSE

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to my colleagues' attention the tragic death of a young man from my home state of Connecticut, Marine Cpl. Kemaphoom Chanawongse, known as "Ahn."

On March 23, 2003, Marine Cpl. Chanawongse came under fire during a heroic attempt to secure a bridge over the Euphrates River near An Nasiriyah and was killed when the vehicle he commanded took a direct hit. "Ahn" was just 22 years old when he sacrificed his life for his new country.

Ahn's family immigrated to the United States from Thailand when he was 9 years old. He was an excellent student and skilled artist, and developed a keen interest in law enforcement. Following the steps of his grandfather who was a Group Commander in the Royal Thai Air Force, Marine Corporal Chanawongse was dedicated to his mission and proud of being a U.S. Marine. Both his grandfather and his brother, who is a student and teaches English in Thailand, have traveled here for the funeral services at Arlington National Cemetery.

Nicknamed "Chuckles" for his sense of humor, Ahn was highly respected and well-liked by his fellow marines. He served the United States in the 2nd Assault Amphibious Battalion, 2nd Marine Division of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

News of Marine Corporal Chanawongse's death reached his family and friends after three painful weeks of waiting while he was listed as missing in action. The Town of Waterford, Connecticut quickly rallied in support in many ways, including the establishment of a memorial fund and a scholarship fund at Waterford High School for students with high aspirations like Ahn's.

In honor of Ahn, Connecticut Governor John Rowland ordered the state and national flags to fly at half-staff from Wednesday, April 16 until sunset tomorrow, April 30, when Ahn will be buried at Arlington. Today, a traditional Thai merit-making ceremony is being held in his memory at the Thai Buddhist temple "Wat Thai Washington D.C." after which his remains will be cremated.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Marine Cpl. Kemaphoom A. Chanawongse, who sacrificed his life for the just causes of our war on terrorism. Let us wish for him, according to the Thai sentiment, "kor joang pai su sukah-ti tert."

IN COMMEMORATION OF YOM
HASHOAH, HOLOCAUST REMEM-
BRANCE DAY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join with millions throughout the

world to commemorate the tragic and horrific events of the Holocaust as we observe Yom HaShoah. It has been 59 years to the day since the Jews of the Warsaw Ghetto rose in revolt against the Nazis. Perhaps now more than ever, the courage of these individuals to fight against anti-Semitism, racism, and prejudicial discrimination is to be honored and remembered.

On April 23, 1943, Jewish resistance fighters in the Warsaw Ghetto made their final appeal to the international community for assistance in their struggle against the Nazis. They wrote, "A battle is being waged for your freedom as well as ours. For you and our human, civic, and national honor and dignity." Indeed, these brave and courageous men, women, and children were correct, and we were wrong for allowing their appeals to go unanswered.

Sadly, the fight against bigotry is an ongoing struggle, as I well know from my own personal experience. I have experienced racism all over the world—in Europe, in the Middle East, in Asia and, of course, here in the United States. Today, anti-Semitism, racism, and xenophobia continue to plague humanity. Those of us who preach and practice tolerance recognize that the fight for equality and acceptance continues in the 21st century.

Jews throughout the world, more than 50 years after the Holocaust, are forced to combat insidious acts of anti-Semitism on a regular basis. Likewise, here in the U.S., we have come a long way since the blatant and institutionalized discrimination that was the norm for African-Americans a generation ago. However, in each case, we are certainly not home yet.

A few years ago, many believed that anti-Semitism was gradually declining and restricted to fringe elements of our society. However, recent developments suggest that there is a resurgent anti-Semitism with a much broader base that includes elements of the far right, the far left, and components of immigrant communities from North Africa and the Middle East.

In the Middle East itself, it appears that the stalled peace process has been a convenient excuse to allow anti-Semitism to become a staple of the media and mainstream politics. Also, in Europe, there has been a resurgence of anti-Semitic and race-based attacks and murders. While European governments have begun to crack down on this unfortunate reality, their initial smugness toward the problem was quite troubling. Now is not a time for us to be silent, and Europe and the Middle East are not places where we can afford to be complacent.

Mr. Speaker, we shall never forget the horrific crimes of murder and destruction committed by the Nazis; and we must commit ourselves to ensuring that future generations shall never be forced to endure the suffering, humiliation, and ultimate death experienced by the victims of the Holocaust. As this body honors these memories, we must commit ourselves—as a country and as human beings—to never allow the pleas of those in need to ever again go unanswered.

We have but one world, and we have been given the great responsibility to make it ours. People of all shapes and sizes, colors and religions have been placed here by powers far beyond us to live together. It is up to us to decide what we make of our time and our world. Thus, as we craft a world in which our children and grandchildren will grow up, the days of re-

ligious and racial intolerance must be left behind. For I refuse to live in a day and age where it is acceptable for bigotry and intolerance to trump acceptance and coexistence. We shall never forget.

**GAY AND LESBIAN ACTIVISTS ALLIANCE OF WASHINGTON, DC
32ND ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION
HONORING DISTINGUISHED
SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS**

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a Washington, DC institution that has been in the forefront of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered civil rights movement, and that I have the distinct honor and pleasure of representing in this body: the Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance of Washington, DC (GLAA), the oldest continuously active gay and lesbian rights organization in the United States.

Since its founding in April 1971, GLAA has been a respected and persistent advocate in District politics tirelessly asserting equal rights and social equality for lesbians and gay men living in the city.

GLAA has long fought to improve relations among the District's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered communities and DC's public safety agencies. GLAA also has long been at the forefront of the efforts to strengthen enforcement of the DC Human Rights Act of 1977.

On April 15th, GLAA held its 32nd Anniversary Reception honoring the 2003 recipients of its Distinguished Service Awards: Councilmember Kathy Patterson; the Gay and Lesbian Liaison Unit of the Metropolitan Police Department; longtime District activist Karen Armagost; the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, DC; and former GLAA President Bob Summersgill.

Councilmember Kathy Patterson has been an ally of gay citizens and a leading force for government reform and accountability. Councilmember Patterson wrote and secured passage of the law that established the DC Office of Human Rights as a separate, independent agency. She has supported strengthening diversity and sensitivity training in the police and fire departments and establishing an effective Office of Citizen Complaint Review.

DC Metropolitan Police Department Chief Charles Ramsey created the Gay and Lesbian Liaison Unit (GLLU) in June 2000. The work of Sgt. Brett Parson, head of the GLLU, and Ofc. Kelly McMurry, its founder, along with community volunteers, active, auxiliary and reserve police officers, has resulted in a dramatic improvement in community-police relations; an increase in the mutual respect of gay people and the police; and a focus on previously ignored problems in the community.

Karen Armagost has been an activist in Washington, DC for over fifteen years. As a professional canvasser, GLBT activist, and past President of the Gertrude Stein Democratic Club, Karen has exemplified the dedication and hard work that makes grassroots organizing a powerful political force. Karen

works for the repeal of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy through the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network.

This year marks The Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, DC's 22nd Season. The Chorus has performed at inaugurations of a mayor and a president, and most recently performed in tribute to Elizabeth Taylor at the Kennedy Center Honors Gala before President and Mrs. Bush.

Bob Summersgill is the immediate past President of GLAA. He has led efforts to secure legal protection against harassment in our schools and workplaces; to open the DC HIV/AIDS Administration to public accountability; and to ensure the full rights of transgender and intersex people under the DC Human Rights Act.

GLAA's thirty-two year fight to secure equal rights for the LGBT citizens of Washington, DC is more poignant because it is being celebrated on April 15th. It is a reminder to us all that United States citizens living in our Nation's Capital, who have fought in every American war, including the present war in Iraq, are taxed without representation.

I ask the House to join me in congratulating the Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance and its honorees.

**PAYING TRIBUTE TO EDGEWOOD
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Edgewood Elementary School in Okemos, Michigan for its 39 years of service to the community. This institution has continuously provided a nurturing atmosphere of learning and support for all the staff that serve there and the students who pass through its doors.

Edgewood Elementary School has a history of academic excellence. In both 2001 and 2002, it received the Golden Apple Awards for high achievement, an honor presented by the State of Michigan. Yet the school provides more than just a space to learn. It is a trusted pillar in the neighborhood, a place where students, staff, parents, and community members come together and build lifelong relationships.

Mr. Speaker, Edgewood Elementary School's dedication to promoting superior education while fostering an environment of care is an example to all institutions. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing its many achievements.

**INTRODUCTION OF THE HARMFUL
ALGAL BLOOM AND HYPOXIA
RESEARCH AMENDMENTS ACT
OF 2003**

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, today, I am pleased to introduce the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research Amendments Act of 2003. Harmful algal blooms and hypoxia are a significant threat to human health, commercial

fishing, and recreational water use throughout the United States. My legislation will authorize funding for research to improve our response to this threat and to develop a deeper understanding of these problems.

Harmful algal blooms occur in both marine and freshwater environments, and are often referred to as red tides or brown tides. These dense mats of algae produce toxins dangerous to aquatic life and to humans, some of which are so potent that eating just one contaminated mussel could result in anything from mild nausea to paralysis, and even death in some cases.

Hypoxia occurs when an algal bloom dies and is decomposed by bacteria in the water. This process depletes oxygen to levels so low they cannot support aquatic life, which decreases fisheries production and can produce terrible odors that make the water undesirable for recreational use.

It is estimated that harmful algal blooms cost the U.S. \$50 million a year, while hypoxia causes severe conditions in many locations, including the Gulf of Mexico, where a "dead" zone the size of New Jersey develops each summer.

Harmful algal blooms and hypoxia are also causing problems closer to my home region, the Great Lakes, where these events are more frequently fouling the water. In the past 30 years, major advances were made to improve Great Lakes water quality, but recently scientists have observed an increase in both harmful algal blooms and hypoxia. The reasons for this are unclear, but may be related to invasive species changing the way nutrients are cycled in the lakes.

In 1998, Congress passed the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act. The Act created a Task Force to examine these problems and authorized \$19 million annually for research and monitoring activities related to harmful algal blooms and hypoxia. This March, the Subcommittee on Environment, Technology and Standards, of which I serve as chairman, held a hearing on this subject and found that we need to expand our research efforts to include freshwater blooms, update our assessments of these threats every five years, and improve communication with local resource managers about these efforts. The legislation I am introducing today seeks to address these findings.

More specifically, the legislation expands the authorization of funding to \$30 million annually (over the next three years) for research and monitoring efforts on harmful algal blooms and hypoxia. It also requires the Task Force to develop research plans on previously overlooked aspects of harmful algal blooms and hypoxia, such as: Great Lakes harmful algal blooms; and prevention, control and mitigation methods to reduce the impact of harmful algal blooms.

This legislation also provides a mechanism for regional and local assessments of harmful algal blooms and hypoxia, because the causes of harmful algal blooms and hypoxia vary with regional water use, land use, and environment. Additionally, it increases the participation of local resource managers in this process, ensuring that our investment in research produces useful tools for the people dealing with the problems on a day-to-day basis.

The bill reauthorizes funding for programs that have been effective in improving our sci-

entific understanding of harmful algal blooms and hypoxia, namely the Ecology and Oceanography of Harmful Algal Blooms (ECOHAB) program and the Monitoring and Event Response to Harmful Algal Blooms (MERHAB) program. It also requires scientific assessments of harmful algal blooms and hypoxia on a regular basis, providing a means to continuously target our resources in an effective manner.

In conclusion, my legislation provides a research framework for addressing the nationwide problem of harmful algal blooms and hypoxia. It improves our ability to understand and predict harmful algal bloom events, adds the Great Lakes as an important area for harmful algal bloom and hypoxia research, and ensures the participation of local resource managers in developing research plans so that the research can be fully utilized by everyone concerned with these important issues. I have been working with my colleague from Ohio, Senator GEORGE VOINOVICH, who is introducing companion legislation in the Senate today. I look forward to working with all of my colleagues to pass this important bill.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MOUNTAIN CREST HIGH SCHOOL ADVANCED PLACEMENT AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND LAW CLASS

HON. ROB BISHOP

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mountain Crest High School's Advanced Placement American Government and Law class, in Hyrum Utah, for their achievement in the "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution" competition. The class won their state competition in February and is currently preparing to participate on the National level soon.

In order to compete, the students had to establish a base knowledge of the Constitution and the workings of our government. They then prepared speeches concerning different aspects of the Constitution, the amendments, and significant Supreme Court cases. The topics range from the founding ideals of the young nation, to the values and principles embodied in the Constitution, Civil Rights, and the evolution of our current republican democracy.

In addition to acknowledging the hard work and dedication of these students, I would also like to recognize the work of their teacher Margaret Obay. She is an exemplary teacher who is devoted to educating all of her students. Together they represent Utah well.

As I believe the Constitution is a divinely inspired document I feel it is important for all Americans to know and defend its principles. The "We the People" program is an excellent way to get students involved in the Constitution and compete with others from around the country. Again, congratulations to the students of Mountain Crest.

VOLUNTEER SPIRIT IN COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, the backbone of a strong community is the people. I am proud to say that the volunteer spirit is alive and well in Columbia, Tennessee.

It was back in 1919 when Post 19 of the American Legion was established in Columbia. The following year Legion Auxiliary Unit 19 was chartered. Since their establishment both organizations have provided the city of Columbia, in Maury County, and many of the local citizens with a true sense of pride. Unit 19 was recently honored at the National Convention for their outstanding work in providing care to veterans.

The priorities of both organizations are not just associated with assisting our veterans. They also have a long history of providing services that directly benefit many youths. In the summer they sponsor different athletic events which helps foster teamwork and sportsmanship all while giving them a sense of self worth. They send individuals to attend Boy's State and Girl's State, which teaches leadership skills. They also award scholarships to individuals using funds they raise through bake sales, breakfasts, yard sales and so on.

During the 50th Anniversary of World War II legionnaires and auxiliary members made up a committee, appointed by the County Executive, to help celebrate the anniversary. They helped bring the history of those who served abroad and in the states to those generations who weren't alive during that period in our history. They are now doing the same to highlight the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War.

Recently, when the National Guard was called up for active duty these two organizations made sure they let the troops know they supported them. On the weekend before the Guard departed they hosted a breakfast and a lunch, and on the day of departure the members were at the armory to give them a proper sendoff.

I am proud to be a witness to the actions of Post and Unit 19 in Columbia, Tennessee. They are selfless in their pursuit of making our communities stronger and improving the lives of others.

HONORING SERGEANT FIRST CLASS RANDY REHN

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I stand before you today to honor a man tragically taken from us while in the service of his country. Sergeant First Class Randy Rehn, a graduate of Niwot High School in Colorado, was killed while serving in the conflict in Iraq. In the Army, Randy directed a crew that operated a Multiple Launch Rocket System. I am truly humbled to honor him before this body of Congress and this nation. The sacrifice of Randy and his fellow soldiers will be long remembered by our grateful Nation.

Randy was known as an athlete and a prankster. In high school, he was a football player and an all-state wrestler. He was a loving husband and the new father of a six-month-old girl. I know that Randy's daughter, family and friends take pride in the uniform he wore and the ideals for which he fought. Our Nation will long endure due to the strength and character of the men and women like Randy who serve our country.

Each generation must renew its commitment to defend our liberties. Today in Iraq, a new generation of young Americans is fighting bravely for the freedom of others. I know that those who seek the true meaning of duty, honor, and sacrifice will find it in dedicated servants like Sergeant First Class Randy Rehn.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot fully express my deep sense of gratitude for the sacrifice of this soldier and his family. Throughout our history, men and women in uniform have fought our battles with distinction and courage. At the dawn of this new century, the United States military has once again been called to defend our freedom against a new and emerging threat. Soldiers like Randy embody America's determination to lead the world in confronting that threat, and Sergeant Rehn's devotion to that cause will not be forgotten. Randy has done all Americans proud and I know he has the respect, admiration and gratitude of all of my colleagues here today.

REMEMBERING JOSEPH FRED
POWE

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a constituent of mine. Joseph Powe was a remarkable man. He was a fixture in our community and he will be missed by many. Joe passed on March 20, 2003. He leaves behind a wonderful wife, two daughters, five granddaughters and a host of friends and loved ones.

In many ways Joe was a pioneer. He was among the first African-American Certified Public Accountants. And, he was the only African-American ever to serve as Regional Audit Manager in the Department of Defense's Defense Contract Audit Agency. Joe served his country in the U.S. Air Force from 1954 through 1958. He also served on the Board of Directors of the United Defense Credit Union as well as several other positions. In 1982, he served the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) as the Regional Vice President, Western Region. I understand, as a tribute to his hard work and dedication to the CPA community, his certificate number will be retired. A terrific honor for this wonderful man.

My thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Opalane, his daughters, Valarie and Alison, and the rest of his family. I hope they are comforted by the fond memories they have of him with a fishing pole in hand or the smile that always seemed to be on his face. He will be missed but for those who knew him, he will always remain with us.

TRIBUTE TO MILNER-RUSHING
DRUGS OF NORTHWEST ALABAMA

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a landmark in my Congressional District, Milner-Rushing Drugs. This pharmacy celebrated its 150th anniversary on April 25, 2003. This milestone anniversary is quite a testament to the successful practice of caring, professional, and personal service that this pharmacy has provided to residents of the Shoals for 150 years.

Milner Drugs was founded in downtown Florence, Alabama in 1833 by Joseph Milner. After numerous owners and a name change to Milner-Rushing Drugs, it was purchased by John M. Lawson in 1995. And since, it has grown from two employees at one location to more than 40 employees at 4 different locations in the Shoals area today.

From compounding special prescription needs to delivering prescriptions to shut-in patients at their homes, Milner-Rushing Drugs is not just a business, but a part of the Northwest Alabama community. This fine staff at Milner-Rushing Drugs includes a Registered Pharmacist, a Registered Respiratory Therapist, and a complete durable medical equipment staff certified by the Alabama Durable Medical Equipment Association. This exceptional staff and history of unique and personalized service keep customers coming back to Milner-Rushing Drugs, which has become a cornerstone of the Shoals area.

Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of the pharmacy's 150th Anniversary, I rise to honor and commend this exceptional company and its staff. I send my best wishes for a happy 150th Anniversary to Milner-Rushing Drugs and for a long and successful future in the Shoals.

NO HURRY ON EXTENDING
PATRIOT ACT

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, some of the most far-reaching provisions of the "USA PATRIOT" Act will expire at the end of 2005 unless Congress acts to extend them. That is nearly three years from now. But reports persist that some think the time has already come for an indefinite extension of those temporary provisions.

I disagree. I think the Denver Post got it just right in a recent editorial: "Not so fast."

For the information of our colleagues, here is the full text of that editorial:

KEEP PATRIOT ACT TEMPORARY

When Congress passed the Patriot Act in October 2001, it wisely included a "sunset" provision that would cause the sweeping legislation to expire on Dec. 31, 2005, unless lawmakers vote to extend it.

Now, Sen. ORRIN HATCH of Utah is leading Republicans in a push to make the legislation permanent.

Not so fast.

The legislation, passed in the emotional aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist at-

tacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, gives the government unprecedented (civil libertarians would say excessive) powers to snoop on Americans, including eavesdropping on communications, surveillance, access to financial and computer records, and other constitutionally deleterious practices.

The U.S. Department of Justice claims the Patriot Act has given the FBI the ability to respond more quickly to stop terrorists before they can act, and given the still-potent threat posed by al-Qaeda and other terrorist organizations bent on doing harm to the United States, that might be a good thing. According to The New York Times, though, Justice wants the expiration date on the Patriot Act excised. And that may not be a good thing, especially considering that the Patriot Act was passed only because Democrats and moderate Republicans insisted on a sunset date.

From our perspective, the Patriot Act is an extreme measure meant to deal with a crisis—much in the same way that martial law can be proclaimed by a state's governor in time of emergency. Once the danger has passed, martial law is revoked. No one wants troops and tanks in their streets forever.

Another argument against extending the Patriot Act indefinitely is that we still don't know how its application ultimately will shake out. Will it be used to harass and intimidate unpopular groups expressing unpopular opinions? Will it be used against political enemies of this or future administrations?

Fact is, the feds have been playing their cards very close to the vest on how they've used the Patriot Act. And Congress still doesn't have a handle on how the FBI and other government agencies have used this extreme legislation that treads so heavily on the Bill of Rights.

Even if, in the final analysis, it's shown that the government hasn't abused the act, it should never become permanent. We repeat: Never.

American liberty is too precious a commodity bought at a too high price in blood and treasure to be tossed aside in a panic. What does it profit us to bring freedom to Iraq while throwing our own away?

CELEBRATING THE 31ST ANNIVERSARY
OF ST. GENEVIEVE'S
FRIENDSHIP CLUB

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize The Friendship Club of St. Genevieve's church. On April 23, 2003, the Friendship Club celebrated 31 years of service to Chicago's Northwest side. Led by Jean Juske, the group's president of the past 17 years, the club of 550 active members has worked to educate seniors on issues important to them. Throughout the years, the Friendship Club has held bi-monthly meetings on issues such as personal finance, public safety and politics. The group also helps seniors find safe and affordable housing. My friends at St. Gens, however, say that some of their most popular activities are the social ones such as dinner theatre trips. Whatever the activity, I salute the Friendship Club for their service to Chicago. Neighborhood organizations like this one form the backbone of communities, and Chicago is a much stronger place because of

the Friendship Club. Mr. Speaker, I thank the Friendship Club for all they have done in service to our community and wish them the best of luck for their next three decades and beyond.

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
SOUTHEAST TEXAS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

HON. NICK LAMPSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Southeast Texas Community Development Corporation, Inc. (SETCDC) on the occasion of its 10th Anniversary.

SETCDC which serves the Beaumont—Port Arthur area of Southeast Texas was founded and incorporated on May 20, 1993, by State Representative Al Price and received its tax-exempt status in January, 1994. SETCDC has contributed to neighborhood redevelopment and revitalization by eradicating blight and building new homes throughout Southeast Texas.

During these ten years, the Southeast Texas CDC has constructed 73 new homes and 19 units of multi-family housing and rehabilitated 28 existing homes. With the support and cooperation of local officials it has had a significant and positive impact on the lives of children and families of the region.

Mr. Speaker, SETCDC has had an economic and business impact of over \$10 million in the local community through construction loans and mortgages, through purchase of construction materials and through contracts with local small businesses.

I ask my colleagues to join me in sending congratulations to Representative PRICE and all those associated with the Southeast Texas Community Development Corporation as they celebrate ten years of outstanding service to the citizens of Southeast Texas.

“IT MUST NOT BE FORGOTTEN,
LEST IT BE REPEATED,” A TRIB-
UTE TO THE LIFE OF MAX
LEWIN ON NATIONAL HOLO-
CAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, “It must not be forgotten, lest it be repeated.” This is the message of the life of West Virginia Holocaust Survivor Max Lewin. Though Max left us this year, his community in southern West Virginia recently honored him. Today, on National Holocaust Remembrance Day I wish to share with my colleagues the story of Max Lewin, a proud West Virginian and a brave Survivor.

No phrase should ever weigh heavier upon our collective conscience than, “it must not be forgotten, lest it be repeated,” as we consider world history, and negotiate America’s foreign policy and humanitarian priorities. The lesson

of what happened during the Holocaust surely shows us that every day we live in a world of diversity, filled with respect for peoples of various religious, ethnic, and racial backgrounds is a day that assaults the vile teachings of the Nazi regime. Every day that as legislators of this great Nation we look across the globe and make certain no person or group of people are singled out to live lives of indignity, is a day we truly remember the lesson of the Holocaust. Today, on Holocaust Remembrance Day, let us come together to remember our great teachers of this lesson.

So that I may share with my colleagues the story of Max Lewin, I ask that this recent article in the Beckley Register-Herald be printed in the RECORD.

The article follows:

[From the Register-Herald Reporter, Apr. 7, 2003]

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL TO HONOR MAX LEWIN
(By Mannix Porterfield)

Even before his health began to fail, Max Lewin made sure his tortured life as a Holocaust victim and the lessons of the 20th century’s darkest hours were never forgotten.

What he did was make a pact with a 10-year-old girl to keep alive not only his excruciating memories but those of the Holocaust in general.

That promise was kept, and Margaux Siegel, now 11, will cover Lewin’s heroic struggles Sunday in this year’s Holocaust Memorial, set to begin at 1 p.m. in Mountain State University’s Carter Hall.

“Max felt his greatest fear was that the story would die with him and its lessons wouldn’t be learned,” explained Margaux’ father, Dr. Normal Siegel.

Lewin was the key figure in past Holocaust services in Beckley, a difficult assignment for a man who lost most of his family after German troops stormed into Poland in 1939, signaling the start of World War II.

“I think certainly he had an authentic voice, though sometimes it was difficult to hear precisely what he was saying,” Siegel said.

“I think, through his accent and tears, everyone felt the pain.”

Lewin died last Aug. 24 at the age of 83.

A slight man with an ever-present smile belying the pain of surviving the murderous regime of the Nazis, he often sought to rekindle interest in the Holocaust by calling on schools in West Virginia to teach its lessons.

In several newspaper interviews, Lewin voiced a fear that future generations, as the adage holds, would be condemned to repeat history if such lessons were ignored.

This year’s service, in fact, marks the first such occasion in which the Lewin story is told in the third person.

A gifted writer who won an award last year in elementary school competition, Margaux relied on numerous newspaper clippings chronicling Lewin’s storied life from 1978 forward. In addition, an old friend of his, Helen Huzoski of Pax, provided access to his personal papers.

Affidavits also were researched, and a letter from a German court confirmed his concentration camp serial numbers.

Actually, Margaux has delivered her vivid account of Lewin’s life on other occasions, where the audience was limited to two or three. Come Sunday, the audience will be considerably larger. “She had promised him she would tell his story when he wasn’t around, so this is sort of fulfilling it,” her father said.

Strangers would never have guessed the kind, gentle Lewin, a fixture in Beckley’s business community for years, had suffered unimaginable pain at the hands of the Nazis, although a trace of sorrow never quite escaped his smile.

Even those familiar with his story couldn’t have stepped into his shoes for a full appreciation of his life.

In a eulogy at Lewin’s funeral, Rabbi Victor Urecki put it succinctly: “None of us could ever imagine what it was like to be Max Lewin. He always tried to smile. He never lost his respect for humanity, his love for humanity.”

For Lewin, the placid, country life of a farm family was shaken at the roots when his native land was invaded.

In a tear-laden 1996 interview, he recounted for The Register-Herald the horrific scenes that ensued.

Some 100 robust young men were gathered by the invaders, given shovels and ordered to dig a 4-foot-deep trench. Jews were lined on either side, then gunned down, and the youths were then directed to spread dirt over the victims, some still writhing in agony.

Lewin lost most of his family in a mass execution March 10, 1943. A sister succumbed in a concentration camp. A brother died in another mass murder a few weeks afterward.

Lewin’s wife, Fruma, only 19, vanished, presumably a victim of the Nazi execution squads.

Arriving in America after surviving Auschwitz, he joined older brother Harry in launching Harry’s Men’s Shop, a business he inherited and kept running after Harry’s death in 1982.

Lewin lent his experiences to the Governor’s Commission for Holocaust Education that works to keep alive the tragic lessons of the past.

As she has done in past observances, Sam Armstein will serve as master of ceremonies at the Sunday memorial.

Amie Lamborn of Charleston and Michelle Levin, wife of Dr. Barry Levin, will conduct the “Lighting of the Candles,” followed by Huzoski’s narrative, “Understanding,” another look at Lewin’s life.

“Max, Mountain University and Me” will be performed by James Silosky, the school’s executive vice president and provost for extended learning.

Another tradition, this one embracing the audience, “The Tearing of the Cloth,” will be led by Mark Lamborn, also of Charleston. Dr. Joseph Golden of Beckley will offer a commentary on Holocaust prevention.

“Growing Up With Survivors” will be presented by Dr. Levin, after which Tom Sopher will perform a poetic reading.

The Holocaust claimed a known 6 million Jews in Europe and some of them will be recalled personally with the traditional “Reading of the Names,” led this year by Beckley attorney Stan Selden. Members of the audience will be invited to help with the reading.

Rabbi Paul Jacobson, acting rabbi at Temple Beth-El, will perform a song, “El Malei Rachamin,” and say the kaddish, a Jewish mourner’s prayer. Pianist for the program will be Becky Leach, also of Beckley.

Seven years ago, MSU dedicated a special section of its campus to the memory of the city’s most renowned Holocaust survivor with “The Lewin Family Bell Tower.”

Inscribed on it are the names of Lewin’s parents, Yechiel and Sarah; wife Fruma; and his siblings, Awner, Joseph, Harry, Leah, Hannah and Chaia.

Just above those names, a phrase captures the reason for revisiting the horrors of the Third Reich in such ceremonies:

“It must not be forgotten, lest it be repeated.”

CHARLOTTE REICKS

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor an outstanding woman who has gone far out of her way to help others. Charlotte Reicks of Grand Junction, Colorado has ridden her bicycle all over the country to raise money and awareness for a number of charitable causes.

Charlotte began her adventures in 1997 with a 400-mile ride around Colorado for the Make-a-Wish Foundation. On another occasion, this intrepid grandmother pedaled 700 miles in 10 days and helped raise \$7,000 for Habitat for Humanity. During the spring and summer of 1999, she rode from California to Maine, down the coast to Florida, and back across the country again. The 8,800 mile journey lasted six months and benefited the American Bible Society and the Lutheran Hour Ministries. So far, she has ridden about 14,000 miles for various organizations and has no plans to stop any time soon. This summer she is slated to ride across Texas to raise money and awareness for Huntington's disease.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to honor Charlotte for her outstanding service to humanity. Her courage, tenacity, and dedication to various worthwhile causes certainly deserve the praise of this body and this nation. She is an extraordinary woman who has truly gone to great lengths to help others.

HONORING THE LIFE OF NINA SIMONE

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to honor a jazz artist who was truly inspiration both on stage and off.

Nina Simone was a consummate artist who defied classification. A jazz singer, a pianist, a jazz-rock-pop-folk-black musician, an arranger, a composer and a protest singer—she was all of these and more.

She was a social activist, unafraid to speak out or sing out against the social ills of racism and war.

One of eight children, Nina Simone was born Eunice Kathleen Waymon on February 21, 1933 in Tryon, North Carolina. Early on, she demonstrated prodigious talent as a pianist and singer. She played and sang with her sisters in their mother's choir in the local church. It was not until the age of six that Eunice began formal training on the piano.

By the time she was 10, she had given her first recital in her hometown. This recital at the town library produced her first applause and her first encounter with racism. Her parents were forced to move from the first row to make room for whites to be seated. This incident formed the basis of her commitment to the fight for civil rights.

Eunice left North Carolina in 1950 to continue her musical education at the Juilliard School of Music in New York, after which, her family moved to Philadelphia. She applied for

a scholarship at the prestigious Curtis Institute in Philadelphia, but was rejected. Her talent was cited as the reason for the rejection, but the Juilliard graduate believed it had more to do with her color than her musical skill.

Discouraged, she became an accompanist for a singing teacher and then, in 1954, she went to work as a singer-pianist in an Atlantic City, New Jersey bar. It was there she adopted the name Nina Simone: Nina, her boyfriend's pet name for her; and Simone, after French actress Simone Signoret, for its dignified sound. Three years later, in 1957, she had her first recording contract.

In 1958, her first album produced her first hit, George Gershwin's "I Love You Porgy," a song that made her an international star and has been synonymous with the name Nina Simone ever since. Her star continued to shine through the '60s and '70s, as did her commitment to the civil rights struggle.

She performed in concert at the world's most prestigious houses of music, with a repertoire ranging from jazz, gospel, blues, folk and classical music to songs of protest against the injustice of racism.

She became a strong voice in the civil rights movement with her song "Mississippi Goddam," which she wrote and performed in protest of the murders of Medgar Evers in Mississippi and four black schoolchildren in Alabama. Later, she wrote and performed the inspirational "To Be Young, Gifted and Black."

Like many American jazz artists before her, Nina Simone found a greater appreciation for her music and more freedom abroad than at home. Embittered by racism, she renounced the United States in 1969 and became a "Citizen of the world." She left the United States in 1973 and lived in Liberia, Barbados, Switzerland, Africa, Trinidad, the Netherlands, Belgium and the United Kingdom before finally settling in France. In 1978, Nina Simone was arrested abroad for failing to pay taxes from 1971 to 1973 in protest of the war in Vietnam, but she was quickly released.

Nina Simone remained a top recording artist and concert draw throughout her life and performed at Carnegie Hall just two years ago in 2001. Nina Simone will always be remembered for her talent and her passion, her sultry, yet forceful voice, her incomparable style and a regal presence on stage.

Nina Simone, whose inimitable voice helped define the civil rights movement, died April 21, 2003 at her home in France at the age of 70. She is survived by her daughter, Lisa Celeste Stroud.

TRIBUTE TO BARBARA MURPHY
AND THE EIGHTH GRADE GIFTED
STUDENTS OF STONE MIDDLE
SCHOOL

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a group of 8th Grade students in my Congressional District who have been in Ms. Barbara Murphy's gifted class at Stone Middle School in Huntsville, Alabama since the 6th Grade. These outstanding girls and boys have written a book they aptly named "Reality Street".

The students have compiled their thoughts on various subjects that include their school, neighborhoods, families, conflicts and challenges. Stone Middle school is a Title I school, and these students hope to show people through their book that truly no child will be left behind in any community across the United States. The stories these students tell are powerful and eye opening and are an excellent insight into their community. Everyone can find inspiration in this book, including author Homer Hickam who wrote the Foreword and John L. Stallworth who contributed the Introduction.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to share with you an excerpt from a poem written by one of the students:

"My memories run deep like the sea,
From some of them I want to flee.
But deep in my heart, I truly know
That in the end they all help me to grow."

These kinds of children, ones who decide to grow and learn from every level of their experiences, form the future leaders of our great country. These young folks are to be commended. On behalf of the people of North Alabama and the U.S. House of Representatives, I send them each my best wishes and hopes for a very bright future.

INDEFINITE DETENTION OF
ASYLUM SEEKERS**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, many things have changed since the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on our country.

But one thing that has not changed is the importance of respecting the Constitution and its limits on the powers of the national government.

That is the point of a recent editorial in the Rocky Mountain News concerning the Attorney General's assertion of authority to indefinitely detain people seeking asylum in America, regardless of the rulings of the courts.

I am also troubled by the Attorney General's actions, and I share the editorial's view that "The government has every right to deport illegal immigrants, but if it's going to detain them for any lengthy period, it has to accord them certain rights."

For the benefit of our colleagues, here is the full text of the editorial:

[From the Rocky Mountain News, April 29, 2003]

U.S. CAN'T JUST THROW AWAY THE KEY

Attorney General John Ashcroft has given himself the power to lock up indefinitely, without hearings, whole classes of illegal immigrants even if he does not deem them individually to be a threat to national security.

The decisions about which illegal aliens should be locked up properly belong to the immigration courts, and certainly should not be made on a wholesale basis.

In asserting this new power, Ashcroft overrode an appeals panel of immigration judges that had upheld a lower court decision granting bond to an 18-year-old Haitian who entered the country illegally last fall. Ashcroft said he wasn't trying to block the right to seek asylum, only to deter "unlawful and dangerous mass migrations by sea." While the intent may be laudable, it's a

stretch to label it a matter of national security—even if Ashcroft is right in describing Haiti as a staging ground for some Muslim immigrants from the Mideast who are trying to get into the United States.

The Constitution says no person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law. It doesn't make exceptions for noncitizens or people without the proper paperwork. Our protections for civil liberties are one of the reasons refugees are drawn to this country.

Some argue that the Founding Fathers never anticipated the war on terrorism and such issues as illegal immigration. Maybe so, but they had a lot of experience with arbitrary use of government authority. The government has every right to deport illegal immigrants, but if it's going to detain them for any lengthy period, it has to accord them certain rights.

HONORING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHICAGO BOARD OPTIONS EXCHANGE

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of Chicago's most venerable and longstanding institutions, the Chicago Board Options Exchange, on its 30th anniversary. The CBOE began as a spin-off of the Chicago Board of Trade in 1973, and in short order revolutionized options trading by creating standardized, listed options and an exchange-based market. Individual investors the world over quickly adopted the concept of listed options, and the CBOE soon became the world's largest options exchange. As a result of superior management and cutting-edge product offerings, the CBOE has never looked back. Today, the CBOE is responsible for more than 51 percent of all options trading as well as 91 percent of all index options trading in the United States.

The CBOE has maintained its leadership position because of the dedicated efforts of all of those who work in its state-of-the-art 45,000 square foot facility, led by Chairman and CEO William J. Brodsky and Vice Chairman Mark F. Duffy. CBOE management has led the industry on issues ranging from corporate governance to investor education. In fact, Mr. Brodsky was recently commended by the Securities and Exchange Commission for his efforts at maintaining market integrity in the face of several recent corporate scandals. The CBOE is also a key employer in the Chicago region and an important driver of the local economy.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Chicago Board Options Exchange on reaching the important milestone of its 30th anniversary, and I look forward to continuing to work together in the months and years ahead to ensure that the CBOE maintains its competitive superiority and remains a pillar of Chicago's business community.

STEVE MASSANO

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I have the distinct honor and privilege today to honor a real-life hero from my district by the name of Steve Massano of Montrose, Colorado.

Steve serves as a Montrose County Sheriff's Deputy, but what I'm about to share with you here did not happen in the course of his duties, but rather as a concerned citizen. On December 2nd of last year, Steve came across an accident in the town of Olathe. After getting out of his truck to help, he came across an eight-year-old girl who had been ejected from her vehicle and had stopped breathing. Two adults hovered over her, pleading for the child to breathe.

Steve quickly and calmly assessed the situation, and after checking to be sure the child was not breathing, began to administer CPR. Less than a minute later, the girl began kicking and sputtering and breathing on her own. She returned home from the hospital a day or two later with no serious injuries and returned to school a short time later.

For his heroic actions, Montrose County Sheriff Warren Waterman recently presented Steve with the department's Life Saving Medal along with a letter of commendation from the Olathe Ambulance Service for "going above and beyond the call of duty."

Mr. Speaker, we rejoice in the life of that eight-year-old girl, and we are thankful that Steve came across the scene of the accident that day. His quick-thinking and life-saving heroics will be remembered everyday by the family and friends of that young girl. Steve is a true asset to the Montrose County Sheriffs Department, his community, and the state of Colorado, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

NUEL BROWN

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of Reverend Nuel Brown, who will be retiring after the close of the California State Association of Free Will Baptist Convention on May 2, 2003.

Nuel Brown has been the Free Will Baptist Ministries in California since 1953. He began his work as a pastor and community leader with youth in the California League Youth Organization of the Golden State in Mountain View, California. By selling diversified church bonds, he secured the property for the First Free Will Baptist Church of Mountain View, California where he served five years before moving to Kerman, California. Nuel served the Kerman Free Will Baptist Church for twenty years. He also worked as a chaplain for the Kerman Police Department, served on the Planning Commission and worked with youth. He continued to serve the community through the Ministerial Alliance, Kerman High School Boosters Club and serving youth throughout the surrounding areas. All of Nuel's children are graduates of Kerman High School.

In 1986, Reverend Brown accepted the position of Executive Secretary Promotional Director for the Free Will Baptist State Association. During his tenure, Reverend Brown served all the Free Will Baptist Churches in the State of California. Reverend Brown has served in the State Office for the past 17 years. He has continued to be an activist in the community and a voice for the people. He has great working relationships with elected officials throughout the region and is considered a source for information to the community.

Nuel will now enjoy his retirement with his wife, Yvonne, their children and their grandchildren. Please join me in honoring Reverend Nuel Brown's distinguished career as he enters the next chapter in his life.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ISADORE LOURIE

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on April 24, 2003, a bright light went out in South Carolina. One of our state's favorite sons, Isadore Lourie, passed away. Isadore was a widely respected South Carolina legislator, admired for his passion and integrity. We will all miss his vibrant personality and our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

I particularly will miss the wise counsel of Senator Isadore Lourie (D-Richland), because as a gentleman he very warmly welcomed me to the South Carolina State Senate in 1985. On the first day of my service I introduced several procedural reforms with my colleague Senator John Courson (R-Richland) and Senator Warren Giese (R-Richland). As each was debated no one was more civil in rejecting our arguments than Isadore Lourie.

On the last day of his service, I remember walking with Senator David Thomas (R-Greenville) and Senator Lourie to his car where he gave us the highest compliment of being proclaimed a "mensch" which is Yiddish for a respected friend. Isadore Lourie is indeed a Southern statesman as revealed in the following news article. It is taken from the Friday, April 25, 2003 edition of The State newspaper into the RECORD, and describes the extraordinary life of Isadore Lourie.

"ISADORE LOURIE DIES AT 70: RETIRED SENATOR HAILED AS 'SO GREAT BECAUSE HE WAS SO GOOD' "

(By Carolyn Click and Lee Bandy)

His great, good heart is what people remember.

Isadore Lourie's heart was soft enough to embrace people of all races and creeds, steady enough to buck the established order, gracious enough to forgive, and ask forgiveness, of his antagonists.

On Thursday, as word spread of his death from a rare brain disorder related to Parkinson's disease, people statewide hailed the attorney and former state senator from Richland County for his political courage and his personal integrity. He was 70.

"During the turbulent time of the '60s, Isadore was, for a time, the most meaningful voice that connected black people and white people," said Alex Sanders, the former College of Charleston president, who served with

Lourie in the Legislature. "He was so great because he was so good."

The son of Jewish immigrants, Lourie showed up Sunday after Sunday in black churches, Sanders recalled, serving as a bridge from the state's segregationist past to an as yet unknown future.

"Izzy was truly one of the great progressive leaders of South Carolina during a very difficult time, a time of integration, a time of trying to replace centuries of bad times for African-American citizens and poor white citizens," said former Gov. Dick Riley.

Lourie had great empathy for those who could not speak for themselves, in part because of his family's immigrant story.

"He saw the grand sweep of the American dream," said Charleston Mayor Joe Riley. "He saw his part in it . . . and he wanted to extend that to everybody he possibly could."

Lourie, along with a group of "Young Turk" Democrats that included Sanders, Joe Riley and Dick Riley, stormed the white, rural establishment that controlled life in South Carolina from the courthouse to the capitol.

In the House and later in the Senate, the Young Turks backed school integration and "fought like hell," Lourie once recalled, to institute such reforms as compulsory school attendance and reappointmentment.

Lourie was a freshman lawmaker in 1965 when he confronted the House speaker over what he deemed an egregious practice: the refusal to introduce black visitors sitting in the House gallery.

He held an "an eyeball-to-eyeball" session with the late Speaker Sol Blatt, Lourie later recalled, during a time when white lawmakers were reluctant to cede long-denied rights to African-Americans. But Lourie prevailed.

"WE KNEW WE WERE JEWISH"

Lourie grew up in St. George above the family department store founded by his father, Louis Lourie, a Russian immigrant who arrived in America knowing no English and with little money in his pockets.

But Louis Lourie had cousins in St. Matthews and Orangeburg and came to South Carolina to work for room and board. In 1920, he met Anne Friedman, a young Polish Jew who had come with her family to Charleston to escape European persecution. They were married in 1921 and moved to St. George.

Lourie's father established the L. Lourie Department Store in St. George and ran a wholesale shoe business out of Augusta, Ga. The family grew to include six children—Isadore was the youngest—but his mother continued to manage the household and the business after her husband suffered a heart attack in 1939.

Long after he was grown, Isadore Lourie remembered the quiet of Sunday mornings in the small town, his Christian friends packed off to Sunday school and church. By Sunday afternoon, he said, his solitude had ended and he was back running with his schoolboy chums.

"We knew we were Jewish—my mother strongly felt her Jewish identity—but we got along well with our non-Jewish neighbors," Lourie recalled in 2000.

His mother kept a kosher house, and the family would travel to Charleston for High Holy Days.

After Isadore completed high school in 1948, his mother closed the St. George store and, with her two eldest sons, Solomon and Mick, opened the new Lourie's Department Store in Columbia, now a fixture in the capital city.

Sen. Jake Knotts, R-Lexington, still buys his suits from Lourie's, recalling the kindness of the late senator in helping Knotts arrange credit to buy his first suit after becoming a Columbia detective.

"He looked out for the little man," said Knotts. "I looked up to him for that."

GREAT TIME TO BE A DEMOCRAT

Lourie, who earned his undergraduate and law degrees from USC, was first elected to the House in 1964. In 1971, he was elected to the Senate, where he battled the old crony system and served, many of his colleagues say, as the body's conscience.

He once described the administration of Gov. Dick Riley as "eight glorious years." He said, "It was a wonderful time to be a progressive Democrat in South Carolina."

Lourie clashed later with former Republican Gov. Carroll Campbell. Their feud dated to Campbell's bitter 1978 congressional campaign against former Greenville Mayor Max Heller, who is Jewish.

Those deep-seated feelings surfaced in a keynote address to the Richland County Democratic convention in 1990, when Lourie urged the party faithful to fight against Campbell and his "crew of thugs" on every street corner.

Lourie apologized, saying he got carried away. The two later patched things up. Thursday, Campbell hailed Lourie as the consummate public servant.

He worked for and witnessed the election of the first black candidates to the Legislature. Today, 32 blacks serve in the Legislature.

Eventually, Lourie represented a redrawn, black-majority Senate district. He almost lost the seat in 1984. Then, after meeting with black leaders in 1992 at the height of his power, he decided to give up his seat voluntarily.

"He paid the ultimate political sacrifice. He gave up his political career," said state Sen. Darrell Jackson, D-Richland, who won Lourie's old seat.

After his retirement, Lourie continued his civic activities. In 1994, he was the founding president of the Jewish Historical Society of South Carolina and cleared the way for the development of the Jewish Heritage Collection at the College of Charleston, which already had a vibrant Jewish Studies program.

"The thing about him, he was a politician, a good politician," said Dale Rosengarten, curator of the collection. "But he was what we call in Yiddish a 'mensch.' He had character, unimpeachable integrity and a heart as big as a house."

He also had a running joke of 40 years that he shared with his old Turk buddy Sanders.

That joke won't be told again, Sanders said, but he did reveal this: Lourie "was the straight man, and I'll miss him for the rest of my life."

A service will be held at 3 p.m. today in Beth Shalom Synagogue, with burial in Hebrew Benevolent Society Cemetery.

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY'S WASHINGTON PROGRAM IN NATIONAL ISSUES: CELEBRATING 30 YEARS IN WASHINGTON, DC

HON. TIMOTHY J. RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Kent State University's Washington Program in National Issues, known as WPNI. On May 1, 2003, WPNI will celebrate its 30th Anniversary. This anniversary not only marks WPNI's 30th year in Washington, D.C., but also symbolizes the impressive achievements of those faculty, staff, alumni and students who are and who have been dedicated

to the success of WPNI. Dr. Carol Cartwright, President of Kent State University, has been a very strong supporter of the program and has contributed significantly to its continued success.

WPNI has three primary objectives: (1) to facilitate learning about the U.S. political system and its policy issues; (2) to develop an understanding of the interrelationship of public issues and structures of government; and (3) to encourage individual initiative and provide for experiences in internship and research. Dr. Carol Cartwright and Dr. Richard Robyn, Director of WPNI, have worked extremely hard to ensure that these objectives are met.

WPNI is a full 15-week academic program offered each Spring semester by Kent State University. Since its creation in 1973, WPNI has sent more than 600 selected juniors and seniors from various academic disciplines to Washington, D.C. to live, work and study. Throughout the course of the program, the students are required to participate in an academic curriculum and maintain an internship position in government, a company or an organization of their choice. The academic and professional benefits this program brings to its students are extraordinary. At the same time, government entities, companies and organizations benefit enormously. I know this first-hand as my Washington office had the good fortune to have Sarah Jones from Hubbard, Ohio, as a WPNI intern since February 2003. Sarah made an invaluable contribution to the day-to-day operation of my office and we will miss her greatly.

I commend Dr. Cartwright and those at Kent State involved in the foundation and the continuation of this meaningful program. I also congratulate all of the students who have taken part in this wonderful experience over the past 30 years. I am certain, that with continued support, the Washington Program in National Issues will celebrate many more anniversaries to come.

ASHLEY DURMAS

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize an outstanding athlete and a pioneer from my district in the sport of woman's snowmobile racing. Ashley Durmas of Whitewater, Colorado is only 17 years old, though she is already an accomplished professional snowmobile racer.

Ashley started racing in junior competitions during the winter of 1999–2000 against a field of all boys. She crashed nearly every race, but Ashley is a winner, and she refused to give up. She continued riding and racing. She improved so much that last year she turned professional and finished second overall in the Colorado women's pro class. She still competes in the male division and usually finishes at or near the top. She recently entered the Colorado state championships in the sport class and beat 21 of the 23 men who competed against her.

Ashley is not only successful on the snow, but she excels in the classroom too. Even though her busy schedule often requires her to study while on the road to out-of-state

events, this high school junior still finds the time and energy to hit the books and earn As and Bs on her report cards.

Ashley's tenacity, hard work, and dedication have truly made her community and the state of Colorado proud. It is my privilege to bring her example to the attention of my colleagues here in this body today. Ashley embodies the old maxim, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again." Ashley not only tried again, but has developed into an outstanding athlete and an inspiration to us all. I congratulate her on her success and wish her the best with all of her future endeavors.

HONORING OFFICER MARYANN
COLLURA OF THE FAIR LAWN
POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday April 29, 2003

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and work of Officer MaryAnn Collura of the Fair Lawn Police Department in Fair Lawn, New Jersey.

Mr. Speaker, it pains me to report that on Thursday, April 17, 2003, at the age of 43, MaryAnn Collura was killed in the line of duty. Officer Collura is only the fifth female to be killed while serving as a police officer in the State of New Jersey. Her loss has sent shockwaves through the members of her department, the people of Fair Lawn, and the entire State of New Jersey.

MaryAnn Collura was borne in New York City, the youngest daughter of Pasquale and Helen Collura. MaryAnn was a lifelong resident of the Borough of Fair Lawn, New Jersey. She lived in the same home on Morlot Avenue in Fair Lawn where she and her siblings had grown up. She attended the same church where she had been baptized as a baby and taken her first holy communion as a young girl. The streets that MaryAnn patrolled each day as a police officer were the same streets that she ran as a child. Fair Lawn was home in every sense of the word.

MaryAnn was known for her devotion to the community and to its people. So, it came as no surprise when MaryAnn decided to join the Fair Lawn Police Department in 1985, after serving for two years as a special officer. MaryAnn broke new ground in the department, becoming the first female officer in the town's history.

It was her compassion for her neighbors, combined with her courage and skill as an officer, that made MaryAnn an inspiration to other young women and men who wished to dedicate their lives to becoming officers of the peace. MaryAnn cared about the details of her community. She went as far as to initiate a program for children to carry glow sticks on Halloween to make them more visible to cars. It goes without saying that MaryAnn was well liked and well respected, both by the members of her community and by her fellow police officers. But more importantly, during her eighteen years on the force, MaryAnn made a difference.

Although I am not the Representative in Congress for the community of Fair Lawn, the loss of Officer Collura is one that hits particularly close to home. MaryAnn Collura was the

aunt of my longtime staff member and campaign manager, Scott Snyder. To Scott, I would like to take this opportunity to say that the thoughts and prayers of the entire Pallone family and the Pallone staff are with you and your family in your time of loss.

Mr. Speaker, it is at these times that we are reminded of the sacrifice that police officers and their families make in the name of community service. To a police officer, each call presents dangers and threats that we cannot begin to imagine. To the outside world, a police officer's uniform represents unwavering and selfless dedication to the protection of our community and the defense and enforcement of our nation's laws. This is something that all police officers understand, and something MaryAnn died upholding.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in honoring the life and work of Officer MaryAnn Collura. I urge my colleagues to take a moment and recognize the bravery and selflessness of all of our nation's police officers, and all of our heroes in uniform.

To MaryAnn's family; her mother, Helen; her siblings Paul, Patricia, and Linda; and to Scott and his entire family—please know that MaryAnn's commitment and sacrifice will never be forgotten by the people of Fair Lawn, the State of New Jersey or by the Congress of the United States.

HONORING LIEUTENANT THOMAS
A. PETRELLA, UNITED STATES
NAVY

HON. ROB SIMMONS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. SIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, during this time of war, our thoughts are constantly with our active duty military personnel overseas, and also with all of the men and women who wore the uniform of the United States military through the years. I rise today to honor an individual who will retire this month following a long tour of service to this country.

Lieutenant Thomas A. Petrella enlisted in the United States Navy in 1980 and served as an intelligence specialist aboard four different aircraft carriers, a cruiser, and a nuclear attack submarine. Thom served 10 great years of commissioned service using his knowledge and extensive experience to better his community.

Throughout his successful 23-year career, Thom focused on his duties to aid our Nation and the United States Navy. He concludes his spectacular career as a Vietnam War analyst at the Department of Defense where he analyzed cases of Americans missing from the Vietnam War, including that of Captain Arnold Holm, a resident of Connecticut's Second District of whose greatness I have spoken here before.

Lieutenant Petrella epitomizes the type of person we would like to have serving in our Armed Forces, someone who believes in this country, in its values, someone who believes in faith and family and hard work, and someone who has a great appreciation for the blessings of freedom and who worked during his years to promote the values that have made this country a great place to be.

I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking and congratulating Lieutenant Thomas Petrella

for his dedicated and committed service to this Nation. Your best years are still to come. I would also like to extend these wishes to his wife Renee and their children Kara, Ryan and Cody.

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM T. "BILL"
ROBINSON

HON. KEN LUCAS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate William T. ("Bill") Robinson III for receiving the prestigious Themis Award. The criteria for this award is "Extraordinary service by an attorney to the Cincinnati Bar Association, the legal profession and/or the general community, which displays a high level of commitment, dedication or courage." Bill Robinson has certainly met this criteria.

Bill currently serves as Chair of the Finance Committee and Member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors of the American Bar Association (ABA). He has served as State Delegate to the ABA Nominating Committee, President of the National Caucus of State Bar Associations, member of the Executive Committee of the National Conference of Bar Presidents and is chairing the ABA Standing Committee on Bar Activities and Services and the ABA Standing Committee on Substance Abuse. Bill served as 50th President of the Kentucky Bar Association, founding Chair of the Kentucky IOLTA Fund, President of the Kentucky Bar Foundation, Co-Founder & President of the Salmon P. Chase American Inn of Court. Bill is a Fellow of the International Society of Barristers, a Fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, a Sustaining Member of the American Bar Foundation, Member of the Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference, and a Sustaining Member of The American Law Institute.

In addition to his significant accomplishments in his chosen profession, Bill has a distinguished history of serving our local business community. As a co-founder of the Metropolitan Growth Alliance of Greater Cincinnati, he played a key role in the creation of the "Gallis Report" which has become a catalyst for a multi-jurisdictional, regional approach toward a wide range of strategic policy, planning and development initiatives throughout our Tri-State region. Bill also was a Founding Board Member and Secretary/Treasurer of the Tri-County Economic Development Corporation, the Vice Chair for Economic Development for the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, and the Chair of the Partnership for Greater Cincinnati, a multi-million dollar initiative for economic development in the region; and a Founding Board Member of CINCY-TECH USA, the new economy initiative of the Greater Cincinnati Chamber. Bill is the Vice Chair of the Board of Directors and Chair of the Finance Committee Board of Directors of the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport where he has served on the Board and helped direct the airport's emergence as one of the world's most modern and efficient airports.

Bill grew up in Cincinnati, was educated at the Athenaeum of Ohio and St. Gregory Seminary, Thomas More College and the College of Law at the University of Kentucky. He

is an educator and serves on the Board of Mount St. Joseph College. He has served on the Board of Thomas More College, the Board of the Athenaeum of Ohio, the Board of Covington Latin School and on the Board of the Greater Cincinnati Literacy Task Force, the Visiting Committee at the College of Law, University of Kentucky, the Visiting Committee at Chase College of Law, Northern Kentucky University, Adjunct Professor at Chase, and President of Redwood School and Rehabilitation Center where he is currently Chair of the Dorothy Wood Foundation.

Bill has served and continues to serve the legal profession, the community, and the Cincinnati Bar Association with the highest level of dedication, professionalism, and commitment. Bill can be proud of the positive impact that he has had on the quality of life in our regional community and I commend him on his many accomplishments.

DONALD JOHNSTONE FINNIE

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I take this opportunity to pay tribute to the life and memory of an outstanding resident of my state. Mr. Donald Johnstone Finnie of Lakewood, Colorado passed away recently at the age of 84. As we mourn his passing, I think it is fitting to remember this outstanding husband, father, and friend who spent a lifetime in service to others.

Mr. Finnie, like so many members of his great generation, contributed to the Allied victory in World War II. He fought for our country in New Guinea and Germany before returning home to Colorado, where in 1948 he joined the El Jebel Shrine, which does charity work with the Shriners Hospitals. He became president of the Jefferson County Shrine Club a decade later. Mr. Finnie and his beloved wife Doris also participated in a number of youth programs in support of their two daughters, including the Jefferson County YMCA and the Campfire Girls.

Donald Finnie knew the meaning of the word dedication. In his 43-year association with the Rotary Club, Mr. Finnie never missed a meeting. His good works also extended into the political arena as district chairman of the Republican Party and as a founding father of the city. In 1968, Mr. Finnie served on the incorporation committee for Jefferson City, which later changed its name to Lakewood.

Mr. Speaker, we are all saddened by the loss of Donald Johnstone Finnie, but take comfort knowing that our grief is overshadowed by the legacy of courage, selflessness, and generosity he left with all who knew him. Donald's life embodies the virtues that helped make this country great, and I am deeply honored for the opportunity to pay tribute to him today. Donald Johnstone Finnie will be missed by his family, friends and the many people in his community who were fortunate enough to have known him.

FAIRNESS FOR AMERICA'S
HEROES ACT

HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to announce the introduction of my bill, the "Fairness for America's Heroes Act."

Currently, there are more than 37,000 non-citizens on active duty in our military and each year approximately 7,000 new non-citizens join the armed forces.

These brave men and women are willing to die defending our nation, and it is imperative that we recognize their selflessness and spirit—not only when someone is killed in battle, but from the moment they are called up for combat duty.

We need laws that reflect non-citizen soldiers' heroism and their patriotism. That say we are grateful for your sacrifice; we understand the risks and dangers of combat duty; and to honor your dedication and devotion, we are granting you citizenship. This is a right that these men and women have earned and deserve.

Throughout history non-citizen soldiers have stood shoulder-to-shoulder with native-born Americans in defense of our nation. They fight with vigor and valor to protect the American dream, and they risk their lives everyday for the safety and security of our country.

All of those who serve—regardless of race, regardless of gender, regardless of country of origin—are without hesitation recognized as America's heroes. The legislation I am introducing today will allow them, rightfully and justly, to also be recognized as Americans. This is a distinction they have certainly earned and deserve.

The "Fairness for America's Heroes Act" grants citizenship automatically to non-citizen soldiers assigned to combat duty.

The legislation says that no soldier will ever again have to come home in a body bag to be recognized as an American. No soldier's family will ever again have to sort through mounds of paperwork so their loved ones can receive citizenship posthumously. It also says that no soldier will ever again have to be preoccupied or worry what will happen to their family's immigration status if they are killed in battle.

It enables immediate family members of servicemen and servicewomen to receive expedited processing of their immigration status, and, perhaps most important, it honors the enormous contributions immigrants make to our military and to our society every day.

To understand these contributions, you have to look no further than the young men who heroically and valiantly served their adopted country in the war against Iraq: Lance Corporal Jose Gutierrez, Corporal Jose Garibay, Private First Class Francisco Martinez-Flores, Lance Corporal Jesus Suarez del Solar.

These brave young men, barely in their twenties, died fighting for our country, but the ideals and principles they fought for must not.

Those ideals can be summed up most eloquently with the words of Lance Corporal Gutierrez' brother, who said that Jose joined the Marines "to pay a little back of what he'd gotten from the U.S."

These young men, many of whom left war-torn, war-ravaged countries, understood that

America is the type of place that permits you to dream as big as your heart will allow. They were willing to fight and die for that dream, and our immigration system should reflect and respect that sacrifice.

You see, Mr. Speaker, immigrants' presence in our military is nothing new. Immigrants have fought in every war since the American Revolution. In fact, immigrants account for 20 percent of the recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

In Silvis, Illinois, just west of Chicago, Ill., there is a street called Hero Street U.S.A. This street stands as a tribute to honor eight young Latino men who lost their lives courageously defending our country during World War II and Korea. They went to war without hesitation even though people often ignored them or treated them as second-class individuals. The sacrifice and strength of these young men sparked an unrivaled and unmatched wave of service in their community.

The Department of Defense has documented that no street of comparable size has sent as many men and women to serve in the Armed Forces.

While tributes like these are important, and speeches are moving, we must back up our rhetoric with action. The swift passage of this legislation is an important place to begin.

It will say to these heroic young servicemembers that we recognize and respect your contributions; we honor your spirit and your service; and that you personify the pride and patriotism that makes this Nation so great.

I urge my colleagues to properly recognize these brave men and women by supporting the "Fairness for America's Heroes Act."

TRIBUTE TO JAMES L. FERMAN,
SR.

HON. JIM DAVIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of the late James L. Ferman Sr., a pillar in the Tampa Bay society, whose devotion to his company was second only to his dedication to family and his remarkable commitment to strengthening his community.

A native of Tampa, Ferman joined the Navy in 1942 after graduating from H.B. Plant High School and Emory University. After serving his country in both the Atlantic and Pacific as an intelligence officer and commander of a submarine chaser, James Ferman Sr. came home to oversee the expansion of his father's automobile company. Under his watch, Ferman Motor Car Company became the oldest continuously operating dealership in the country and one of the biggest dealerships in the state.

Today Ferman Motor Car Company employs almost 1,000 people in four counties, and James Ferman Sr., the father of this company, was known for treating these employees like his own family. The integrity with which he led Ferman Motor explains why so many employees have stayed with the company for decades.

James Ferman Sr. was also known for his work outside of the company. The 1966 Civitan Club's Citizen of the Year dedicated

much of his life and wealth to charitable causes in Tampa Bay and beyond. Ferman served the community in countless capacities including as a board member of the Port Authority, the Chamber of Commerce, the United Way and the University of Tampa, and as an active member of the Hyde Park United Methodist Church.

James Ferman Sr.'s contributions to making Tampa Bay a better place to live will never be forgotten and will continue to inspire generations of citizens to serve and lead their communities as he did. On behalf of all of us, I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to his family.

PREVENTION OF PREDATORY LENDING THROUGH EDUCATION ACT

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, thank you for the opportunity to discuss legislation that I am introducing today that will coordinate government agencies and non profit organizations that provide education counseling to consumers who have been victims of predatory lending practices. This legislation is intended to improve consumer literacy, reduce harmful mortgage lending practices, and provide borrowers with a nationwide toll-free telephone number to receive complaints regarding predatory lenders and create a resource database of information.

While expanded access to credit from both prime and subprime lenders has contributed to the highest homeownership rates in the nation's history, there is growing evidence that some lenders are engaging in predatory lending practices—excessive front-end fees, single premium credit life insurance, and exorbitant prepayment penalties—that make homeownership much more costly for families that can least afford it. Predatory loans are said to have grown rapidly in minority neighborhoods, often stripping away wealth that may have been taken homeowners decades or a lifetime to accumulate. Some communities which lacked access to traditional institutions were being victimized by second mortgage lenders, home improvement contractors, and finance companies who peddled high interest rate home equity loans with high loan fees to cash-poor homeowners.

A joint report by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Treasury Department, issued June 21, 2000, Curbing Predatory Home Mortgage Lending, urged Congress to adopt legislation that would restrict abusive terms and conditions on high-cost loans, prohibit harmful sales practices in mortgage markets, improve consumer literacy and disclosures, and prohibit government-sponsored enterprises from purchasing loans with predatory features and establishing predatory lending as a factor in CRA evaluations.

Therefore, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation that will assist borrowers who already have predatory loans, educate consumers about the dangers and pitfalls of entering into a home loan, and refer consumers to appropriate governmental agencies or consumer protection organizations for assistance.

I ask unanimous consent that the text of the legislation and my statement are printed into the RECORD.

HONORING FLANNERY DAVIS AND GUS JOLLEY

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Flannery Davis and Gus Jolley for their creativity in sharing their love of horses. Flannery and Gus run the Walk On Therapeutic Riding Center in Florence, Colorado and offer programs that give disabled people the opportunity to experience riding in Colorado's beautiful mountains. Today I want to honor their efforts before this body of Congress and this nation.

Gus began thinking about offering services for disabled riders when he was driving a shuttle van for the disabled as a part-time job in Santa Fe. Both he and Flannery spent two years volunteering with therapeutic riding centers and undergoing training as riding instructors before starting Walk On. Walk On Riding Center helps to make riding accessible to diverse groups of people by using adaptive teaching techniques and equipment to accommodate disabilities, both physical and mental. Their programs build independence, confidence, and self-esteem by introducing disabled citizens to the freedom and fun that riding can provide.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to recognize Flannery Davis and Gus Jolley for their outreach to the disabled in their community. On horseback and off, disabled riders can feel capable, empowered, independent, and healthy. Everyone deserves the opportunity to experience a slice of our western tradition, and I am proud to salute a program that expands access to one of the best recreational opportunities Colorado has to offer.

COMMEMORATING YOM HASHOAH

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day, which memorializes the six million Jews murdered by the Nazis during World War II.

Each year this day is one of grief and hope.

We mourn the innocent lives and vibrant communities destroyed while the world shamefully stood silent, and encourage the strides being taken to advance Holocaust education and the battle against resurgent anti-Semitism and intolerance around the world.

We observe the anniversary of the Warsaw ghetto uprising, when a brave cadre of fighters battled a Nazi siege to liquidate the community's last remaining Jews, and resolve ourselves to provide comfort and support for the aging community of Holocaust survivors who continue to battle the horrors of their past.

This year, as we mark the 50th anniversary of the dedication of Yad Vashem in Israel and

the 10th anniversary of the founding of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, we have tremendous accomplishments to be proud of, but difficult challenges remain ahead.

In European and Arab countries, where the dramatic rise of anti-Semitic and Holocaust denial is fomenting attacks against Jews and exacerbating tensions in the Middle East, we must do more to counteract the steady stream of hatred.

In the United States and around the world, where elderly Holocaust survivors are struggling to find adequate health and home care to alleviate the traumatic scars of their experiences, communities must join together to find ways to meet these vital needs.

And in the vast settlements negotiated by the United States with European governments and corporations to atone for the crimes of slave labor and theft of assets, companies responsible for Holocaust-era insurance policies must be held accountable for their denials, delays, and stonewalling tactics against survivors and families seeking restitution.

The wrongful denial of claims in violation of the standards set by the International Commission on Holocaust-Era Insurance Claims (ICHEIC) must be reviewed and overturned. Companies routinely extending the 90-day period allotted by ICHEIC to research the validity of claims into year-long sagas with no status updates to the claimant must be mandated to act more expeditiously. And most urgently, companies refusing to publish the basic policyholder information from their archives must be penalized for their inaction.

Survivors who are still alive were only children when the Holocaust began. While many have vivid recollections about insurance agents visiting their home or policies their family spoke of, few have documents to identify the right company and cannot do so because the companies haven't provided comprehensive lists for them to search for the names of their parents and relatives. As a result, more than 80 percent of the claims filed with ICHEIC are incomplete, and barely 2 percent of the over 88,000 claims submitted to ICHEIC have received offers.

Today I am encouraged that some progress is being made. This week, the German insurance industry agreed to publish the names on 363,232 policies issued by German companies to people identified on a comprehensive list of Jews who lived in Germany before the war. This is a vast improvement over the meager 308 policyholder names previously made available from Germany's largest insurer, Allianz.

More must be done, however, to get Generali, Axa, Winterthur, and Zurich to live up to their responsibilities as ICHEIC members. In November 2001, when I organized a hearing on the Government Reform Committee to shed light on these problems, Axa had provided 191 names to ICHEIC, Zurich had given 40 names and Winterthur just 31. Generali, a company that was the most popular pre-war insurer among Jews in Poland and Hungary, had released only 8,740 names out of the nearly 90,000 policies in effect when the war began. It is unacceptable and reprehensible that these companies have still not taken any steps to provide more information.

We must pressure these companies to do more. If they will not open their archives voluntarily, we must compel them to do so by

supporting the implementation of state laws like California's Holocaust Victims Insurance Relief Act or the enactment of federal legislation like H.R. 1210, the Holocaust Victims Insurance Relief Act, which I introduced earlier this year.

Justice delayed is justice denied. Today, on Yom Hashoah as we mourn the victims of the Holocaust we must renew our determination to help the remaining survivors attain justice in their lifetimes.

PRESIDENT OF POLISH HERITAGE ALLIANCE, JOHN J. WALLOCH, TO BE HONORED

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, on Sunday, May 4, 2003, the Pulaski Council of Milwaukee will be honoring John Walloch, President of Polish Heritage Alliance, at its twenty-third Heritage Award Dinner.

Mr. Walloch's ties in our Polish community run deep. The proud son of Leonard and Helen Walloch, John grew up on Milwaukee's southside where he graduated from my alma mater, Don Bosco High School. Following his time at Don Bosco, he entered the Milwaukee Institute of Mortuary Science and graduated in 1961 with certification as both a Funeral Director and Embalmer. With the assistance of his parents, he opened the John J. Walloch Funeral Home in 1966 and has been overseeing its operations ever since.

Despite his hectic professional schedule, John has always found time to serve his fellow Milwaukeeans. He has previously held leadership roles for the South Side Business Club and Xaverian Missionary Fathers Advisory Board, and is currently a member of St. Joseph's Foundation, the Knights of Columbus, St. Alexander's, and St. Roman's Parishes.

For many years, John has also played an important role in the Polish-American community in the Milwaukee area. He is an active member, and past president, of the Milwaukee Society of Polish National Alliance, a fraternal Polish-Americans organization. In 2002, he assumed the presidency of the Polish Heritage Alliance. Under John's leadership, the Polish Heritage Alliance has continued to gain notoriety as the directing organization for Milwaukee's famous Polish Fest, America's largest Polish Festival. During each visit to the festival, attendees are sure to see him dancing the polka while donning a red czapka.

John, the avid outdoorsman, likes to spend his "free time" boating, hiking and entertaining friends and his two daughters, Linda and Christi, and his son, Jason, at his recently refurbished second home on Elkhart Lake. In the past years, John has been collecting stamps in his passport, and had the opportunity to visit the homeland of his ancestors, Poland.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I extend my congratulations to John Walloch for his exemplary work in the Polish-American community. May he continue to be blessed with happiness and success for years to come. Sto Lat!

EL DÍA DE LOS NIÑOS

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow is a very important day. It is "El Día De Los Niños (The Day of the Children)—Celebrating Young Americans. This traditional Latin American holiday has been observed nationally since April 30, 1998.

In preparation for that first El Día De Los Niños, young Americans in dozens of cities across the nation signed petitions and testified before city councils to ask for local recognition of the celebration. It is a day for parents, families and communities to value and uplift Latino children and all other children in the United States.

Across the Nation, communities are organizing their own activities to celebrate their children on April 30th. I am proud that my 15th Congressional district of Texas celebrates El Día De Los Niños with great enthusiasm and fanfare. This week 600 hundred elementary school children will enjoy a day of festivities at Edinburg Municipal Park. Another 600 children will be celebrating in McAllen at Seguin Elementary School.

These celebrations are possible because the entire community—schools, community-based organizations, colleges, and local businesses come together to uplift the children of the Lower Rio Grande Valley to show them how much we care about them, and how important they are to our future.

El Día De Los Niños has a powerful message for us all. El Día De Los Niños provides a bridge for children to learn more about being an American.

Their first hands-on civics lesson is to ask their city council to declare and celebrate the Day of the Children. Young Americans have told the Nation what it should be doing. They have accepted the gift of a special day from the Latino community and are building a national celebration of hope and diversity for all children in the United States—a gift we can all cherish.

I encourage my colleagues to help celebrate this important day in their own communities and with their own children.

TRIBUTE TO LINDA MOSEMAN RAYMOND

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my constituent, Linda Moseman Raymond, for her exceptional leadership and community service. Mrs. Raymond is a resident of Woodstock, New York and is currently serving as Department President of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of New York. The American Legion Auxiliary is the largest women's patriotic service organization in the world. Their primary goals are to serve veterans, their families, and children in their communities and to promote patriotism and Americanism.

Mrs. Raymond is a charter member of the Woodstock Unit #1026 in Ulster County. She

is presently employed at AMETEK Rotron as the Customer Service Manager. She manages the Department and is responsible for all European accounts and export compliance for the company.

Mrs. Raymond has been very active in her community, serving as an EMT on the Woodstock Rescue Squad, a firefighter in the Woodstock Fire Department and an Instructor in CPR and Water Safety.

Each year the Department President chooses a project of particular interest to her and raises funds to assist in that effort. Having dealt closely with community emergency situations, Mrs. Raymond has chosen to raise funds for two children's burn camps—the New York City Firefighters Burn Center Foundation and the Strong Memorial Hospital Burn Camp through the Rochester Medical Center Burn Unit. Both burn camps provide the opportunity for children having suffered the devastating effects of burns to spend some time in a summer camp with specially trained counselors, nurses, psychologists and firefighters. Through her community volunteer work, Mrs. Raymond has seen first hand the tragic effects that severe burns have on the lives of children. To be able to spend time with other children that do not stare or judge, tease or ridicule their burn injuries is necessary for these children. To date, more than \$40,000 has been raised through the efforts of the members in The American Legion Auxiliary in New York.

Mrs. Raymond has always been a strong supporter of children's programs, and she has clearly demonstrated her dedication again as she promotes this worthwhile cause. The American Legion Auxiliary is proud of the efforts on her behalf. During these difficult times for our nation, Mrs. Raymond's service to these children is most noteworthy.

Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to join the American Legion Auxiliary in honoring Linda Moseman Raymond for her ongoing commitment to children and to her community.

HONORING BONIFACIO COSYLEON

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Mr. Bonifacio "Boney" Cosyleon for his leadership in the Pueblo, Colorado business community. In addition to becoming a successful businessman himself, Boney has volunteered his time to a wide range of community organizations and today I want to honor his accomplishments before this body of Congress and this nation.

"Boney" has served the Pueblo community for nearly twenty-three years as a member of the Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce and the Pueblo Economic Development Corporation. As the owner of a construction company, Byerly and Cosyleon, Inc., he has been an instrumental player in the Colorado Contractors Association's outreach to minority businesses. From 1988 to 1992, "Boney" served as chairman of the CCA's Affirmative Action Committee, helping to develop the Emerging Small Businesses Program. ESB offers training opportunities, technical assistance and referrals to eligible small businesses and

has helped to secure almost \$60 million in construction contracts for these businesses. Recently the Colorado Department of Transportation presented him with the Emerging Small Business Award for his work on ESB

and for his advocacy on behalf of small business.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to recognize “Boney” Cosyleon for his service to Colorado. His work has helped innumerable new small businesses achieve success in the con-

struction industry. His community involvement is a credit to small businesses everywhere, and it is my distinct pleasure to honor him here today.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, May 1, 2003 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 6

9:30 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine media ownership.

SR-253

10 a.m.

Appropriations
Homeland Security Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for border and transportation security.

SD-124

Energy and Natural Resources
National Parks Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine S. 324, to amend the National Trails System Act to clarify Federal authority relating to land acquisition from willing sellers for certain trails in the National Trails System, S. 634, to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a study on the feasibility of designating the Trail of the Ancients as a national historic trail, S. 635, to amend the National Trails System Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to update the feasibility and suitability studies of four national historic trails, and S. 651, to amend the National Trails System Act to clarify Federal authority relating to land acquisition from willing sellers for the majority of the trails in the System.

SD-366

Aging

To hold hearings to examine Medicare reform and competition.

SD-562

Joint Economic Committee

To hold joint hearings to examine financing the nation's roads.

SD-628

2:30 p.m.

Judiciary

Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine judicial nominations, filibusters, and the Constitution, focusing on when a majority is denied its right to consent.

SD-226

Armed Services

Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee

Closed business meeting to mark up those provisions, which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of proposed legislation authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense.

SR-222

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold oversight hearings to examine the Department of the Interior program's addressing western water issues.

SD-366

3:30 p.m.

Armed Services

SeaPower Subcommittee

Closed business meeting to mark up those provisions, which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of proposed legislation authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense.

SR-232A

4:30 p.m.

Armed Services

Personnel Subcommittee

Closed business meeting to mark up those provisions, which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of proposed legislation authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense.

SR-222

MAY 7

9 a.m.

Armed Services

Airland Subcommittee

Closed business meeting to mark up those provisions, which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of proposed legislation authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense.

SR-232A

9:30 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine climate change.

SR-253

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Consuelo Maria Callahan, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, and Michael Chertoff, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

SD-226

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold oversight hearings to examine the impact of the global settlement.

SD-538

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

Closed business meeting to mark up those provisions, which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of proposed legislation authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense.

SR-222

10:15 a.m.

Appropriations

Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the National Guard and Reserve.

SD-192

11:30 a.m.

Armed Services

Strategic Forces Subcommittee

Closed business meeting to mark up those provisions, which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of proposed legislation authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense.

SR-232A

2:30 p.m.

Armed Services

Closed business meeting to mark up proposed legislation authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense.

SR-222

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine Hydrogen.

SR-253

MAY 8

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

Closed business meeting to mark up proposed legislation authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense.

SR-222

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Annette Sandberg, of Washington, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, to be immediately followed by hearings to examine the reauthorization of National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

SR-253

1:30 p.m.

Appropriations

Legislative Branch Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Secretary of the Senate and the Architect of the Capitol.

SD-124

MAY 9

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

Closed business meeting to mark up proposed legislation authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense.

SR-222

MAY 13

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

National Parks Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine S. 452, to require that the Secretary of the Interior conduct a study to identify sites and resources, to recommend alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the Cold War, S. 500, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study certain sites in the historic district of Beaufort, South Carolina, relating to the Reconstruction Era, S. 601, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the McLoughlin House National Historic Site in Oregon City, Oregon, for inclusion in the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, S. 612, to revise the boundary of the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area in the States of Utah and Arizona, H.R. 788, to revise the boundary of the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area in the States of Utah and Arizona, S. 630, to authorize

the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the San Gabriel River Watershed, and H.R. 519, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the San Gabriel River Watershed.

SD-366

MAY 14

9:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine an original bill to authorize foreign assistance for fiscal year 2004, to make technical and administrative changes to the Foreign Assistance and Arms Export Control Acts and to authorize a Millennium Challenge Account.

SD-419

MAY 15

9:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To continue hearings to examine an original bill to authorize foreign assistance for fiscal year 2004, to make technical and administrative changes to the Foreign Assistance and Arms Export Control Acts and to authorize a Millennium Challenge Account.

SD-419

Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Department of Homeland Security, focusing on state and local governments.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold oversight hearings to examine the Fair Credit Reporting Act and issues presented by the Re-authorization of the Expiring Preemption Provisions.

SD-538

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 575, to amend the Native American Languages Act to provide for the support of Native American language survival schools.

SR-485

2 p.m.

Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Susanne T. Marshall, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board, Neil McPhie, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board, Terrence A. Duffy, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, and Thomas Waters Grant, of New York, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation.

SD-342

MAY 20

2:30 p.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the future of U.S. economic relations in the Western Hemisphere.

SD-419

MAY 22

10 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold oversight hearings to examine the status of telecommunications in Indian Country.

SR-485

JUNE 3

10 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the status of tribal fish and wildlife management programs.

SR-485

JUNE 4

10 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the impacts on tribal fish and wildlife management programs in the Pacific Northwest.

SR-485

2 p.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 281, to amend the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century to make certain amendments with respect to Indian tribes, to provide for training and technical assistance to Native Americans who are interested in commercial vehicle driving careers.

SR-485

JUNE 11

10 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Charles W. Grim, of Oklahoma, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

SR-485

JUNE 18

10 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold oversight hearings to examine Indian sacred places.

SR-485